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APPLICANTS

HAGEN et al.

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FOR

HUMAN CATALYTIC TELOMERASE SUB-UNIT AND ITS

DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE

ART UNIT

1643

EXAMINER

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the restriction requirement dated 22 May 2001, Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-5, 7, 10, 11 and 13.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of this response to the restriction requirement requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

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